

HISTORY OF NEWFIELDS NEW HAMPSHIRE

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(20). William Henry Harrison^a (Charles,^a Nathaniel,^a Charles^a) was born March 14, 1813; married Martha Jane, daughter of Joshua and Abigail (Pickering) Brackett, who died, 1886; lived in Boston; died April 6, 1893. Children:

26. Joshua Brackett^a b. Oct. 17, 1840; graduated, Harvard Medical college 1862; was assistant surgeon of the 45th, 54th, 5th and 62d Mass. Regts., and surgeon of the 5th Regt. of Mass. Vol. militia; d. May 7, 1885, leaving a widow.

27. Benjamin Franklin^a b. June 7, 1842; soldier, 42d Regt. Mass. Vols. d. unm. 1911.

28. Martha Jane^a b. Aug. 24, 1843; m. Alonzo Grout; res. Exeter; one son, Harrison T.^a Grout.

29. Sarah Abbie^a b. 1845; d. unm. March 17, 1908.

30. Mary Drowne^a b. 1847; d. unm. 1901.

All buried in the family burying ground Ash Swamp road.

The Brackett-Treadwell place was formerly a Keniston place, occupied by a man who had been scalped by the Indians.

TRULL.

1. Dr. Phineas^a Trull was born in Tewksbury, Mass., Sept. 1, 1781; married Nancy, daughter of Francis and Sarah (Batchelder) Jenness of Piscassic; studied medicine with Dr. George W. Kittredge of Epping, the youngest of eight sons born in Tewksbury, all of whom became physicians; began practice in Raymond in 1805; was burned out in 1809; town clerk in 1810-13; removed to Newfields in 1819, and occupied the house of William Cario, the silversmith; soon became identified with the social, business and religious interests of the community; was active in the Congregational Society, 1829, the year of its reorganization; with his wife, became member of the Newfields S. S. Union, and joined the Congregational church on profession; was unwearied in his exertions to relieve the sick and suffering for 29 years, highly respected and dearly beloved; died Aug. 22, and his wife Sept 2, 1848, both of the same age, 67 years. One monument now marks their united graves.

Children, born in Raymond and Newfields:

2. Child^a (Luther, ?); d. in infancy.

3. Bruce^a; m. Caroline ———; settled in Thomaston, and later, Bath, Me.; several children.

4. Frank^a; left home young, because reprimanded for staying out late evenings.

5. Olive Blake^a; m. 1850, Erastus F. Ricker; living at Omaha, Neb., in 1898.

6. Alvin C.^a; m. Hannah S. Osgood; selectman, Newfields, 1852; lived also in Manchester, Hyde Park and Peabody, Mass.; d. June 8, 1868. His widow d. March 26, 1893, aged 72 years and 3 months. They had a son William A.^a living in Boston; unm.

TUFTS.

1. Rev. Thomas^a Tufts was born in Devonshire County, England, and in early life emigrated to Boston, Mass.; commenced an academical course of study, and graduated at Harvard college, 1701; became a clergyman, and was

ordained in Boston, preaching there till his death, in 1725, or according to the Harvard catalogue, 1733; left a "name free from reproach." Among his children were:

2. Henry^s; m. ——— Wedgewood.

3. Thomas^s probably; was witness, Feb., 1740; ensign and acting quartermaster in the N. H. regiment under Col. Samuel Moore, employed in the reduction of Louisburg and adjacent territories, from Feb. 13, to Sept. 6, 1745, at two pounds per month wages.

(2). Henry^s (Rev. Thomas^s) married ——— Wedgewood, who later in life was called "an old witch woman"; served an apprenticeship with one Whitcher, a tailor of Boston, till 21; removed to Newmarket, and after remaining two or three years, to Lee, where after a time he purchased a small farm by means of which, and his trade as tailor, he acquired an honorable livelihood; petitioned Nov. 18, 1765, for the division of Durham and formation of the parish of Lee; with his son Henry, signed the Association Test in Lee, 1776; died, aged 75, two years after his wife, both of whom left behind "the testimony of a good confession." Children:

4. Thomas^s; received and settled on the homestead; is mentioned with his house, 1779; assessed in Lee, 1787.

5. Eliphalet^s; served in the Revolutionary army, and was at "Soldiers Fortune," near West Point, 1778. 6. Child.^s

7. Henry^s b. Newmarket, June 24, 1748; m. 1770, Lydia Bickford of Durham, some years his senior, but a very notable and discreet woman contributing more to the support of the family than her husband; moved to his home beyond Newmarket Plains towards Lee Hook; was famous in his day and in his field, which extended from Canada to Virginia, for a reprobate life under many disguises and marvellous escapes, bearing assumed names, appearing as rake, tramp, bully wrestler, burglar, horse-thief, freebooter, bounty-jumper, fortune-teller, Indian doctor, religious enthusiast, and New Light preacher; nearly a score of times in a score and a half of years was sentenced to prisons, dungeons, and chains at Falmouth and York, Me., Dover, Exeter, eight times, Newburyport, Ipswich, Salem and Castle William, Mass.; was condemned, June, 1793, unjustly he says, for burglary and sentenced to be hung Aug. 14, 1793; with wife, a juryman, ladies of Ipswich and students of Harvard, solicited reprieve of Gov. Samuel Adams, but as time passed receiving no answer the suspense became terrible; was asked to sell his body and publish his memoir; his coffin was made, his grave dug, and the sheriffs appeared ready to execute the penalty, and the hour of four passed with no word from the governor, but on Sept. 18, his punishment was commuted to imprisonment for life, and he passed five wretched years at Castle William in Boston Harbor. In 1798 the fortress was ceded to the National Government, and he was removed to Salem, whence he soon escaped, and joined his first wife and family at Lemington, Me.

In 1771 he left his wife and child, and married Sally, daughter of Enoch Judd of Claremont, whom he abandoned within a year and returning to Lee found his "first wife yet held possession of the castle." In 1786 under the fictitious name of Gideon Garland he married Abigail Kennison, a young widow of Stratham, who followed his fortunes for nearly 10 years, and by

whom he had four children. She afterwards married in Vermont a man of respectable fortune. He died in Lemington, Me., in some measure a reformed man. His descendants have been among the most respected and influential citizens of the place. He had nine children, the oldest named Simeon.

Among those victimized in Newmarket and vicinity were "Stevens, a steady old farmer," Peter Folsom, James Burleigh, Elisha Thomas, Dea. Tash, Daniel Chapman, Smith Gilman, Levi Chapman and Lt. John Burleigh.

Note. The title of his book is "A Narrative of the Life, Adventures, Travels and Sufferings of Henry Tufts, now residing at Lemington, in the District of Maine. In Substance compiled from his mouth. In Three Books; pages 366. Preface VIII pages. Dover, N. H. Printed by Samuel Bragg, jun., 1807." The story of Col. T. W. Higginson's "New England Vagabond" in Harper's Magazine of March, 1888, is founded on the vagaries of Henry Tuft's autobiography.

WALKER.

1. William¹ Walker was born in 1780 in Portsmouth; married Margery ———; attended Phillips Exeter Academy; died, Newfields in 1854. Children:
2. Elisabeth L.¹ b. 1801; d. unm. April 5, 1880.
3. Nancy¹ b. 1803; m. George Oliver Hilton; d. 1872.
4. Sarah¹; m. Henry Hartwell; res. Waltham, Mass.; d.
5. Harriet¹; m. Dr. Keith of Stamford, Conn.; d.
6. Lucy M.¹ b. 1813; d. unm. 1878.
7. William L.¹ b. 1822; m. Ellen E., dau. of James Hill, who was b. 1822 and d. March 1884; lived in Newfields and Guinn Island, Va.; began his business life in the store of Richard Jenness; afterwards was accountant many years for the Swampscot Machine Co., Newfields; later purchased a large farm at Critchett Hill, Va.; d. there Oct. 17, 1885, leaving a bequest of \$1000 to Newfields for the care of the cemetery; no ch.

WATSON.

1. Winthrop¹ Watson married Abigail ———.
2. Dudley¹ (Winthrop¹) was born in Exeter Feb. 2, 1756; married April 6, 1780, Anna Hilton who was born Aug. 12, 1760, and died July 14, 1845; signed the Association Test in Exeter, 1776; was one of the last ship-builders in Newfields; died June 26, 1828. (128) Children:
3. Nancy¹ b. 1780; m. Capt. Joshua Neal; d. Aug. 31, 1849.
4. Winthrop¹ b. 1785; d. July 1820.
5. Betsey¹ b. 1788; m. George Robinson.
6. Charlotte¹ b. June 1791; d. unm. Dec. 9, 1863.
7. Martha¹ b. Feb. 3, 1794; m. Dec. 21, 1817, James Burleigh; d. Feb. 26, 1828.
- (5). Betsey¹ (Dudley¹, Winthrop¹) was born in 1788; married 1823, George Robinson who died Aug. 24, 1870, aged 80; died April 7, 1862, aged 73 years and 11 months. Children:
8. Elizabeth A.¹ Robinson; d. 1831.
9. George D. W.¹ Robinson; m. Susan M. Churchill who d. July 30, 1897,